(e) what is likely to be the repercussion of actions on the talks in improving Indo-China relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) to (e) Government are aware of ongoing defence cooperation in various fields between China and Pakistan. Government are also aware of Chinese assistance to Pakistan in the nuclear field. Government's apprehensions regarding the clandestine nature and weapons orientation of Pakistan's nuclear programme are well known to all concerned, including the Chinese Government.

Government attaches importance to the improvement of relations between India and China. The Chinese Government is aware of India's desire to promote peace, stability and cooperation in South Asia. At the same time, Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and national interest.

Looting of Armouries of GRP by Terrorists at Ferozepur

1744. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists in Punjab have looted armouries of the Government Railway Police (GRP) at Ferozepur and of a police post in Tarn Taran police district during the last week of June, 1990;

(b) the reasons for which the terrorists could succeed in looting armouries;

(c) the details of the articles looted by the terrorists;

(d) whether some persons were also kidnapped by the terrorists, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any efforts have been made by Government to trace the looted articles and to book the terrorists; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Extremists looted three .303 rifles alongwith 135 cartridges from security guard of PSEB Grid Sub-station at Lalke PS Patti PD Tarn Taran. They took away three SLRs, five strenguns, twenty 303 rifles, five 1.62 rifles, a wireless set and 1670 cartridges of different calibres from GRP police station, Ferozepur Cantt., after scaling walls. Extremists had overpowered the constables and Home Guards and in the incident at GRP Ferozepur connivance of one of the constables is suspected. The extremists also took away with them all the 10 constables and their uniforms. Later on extremists freed the constables except one at a reasonable distance. Constable Hardip Singh who was on sentry duty did not return back to police station and went away with extremists. State Government have registered a case and are taking appropriate action in this regard.

Parliament Session in Bangalore

1745. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the then Deputy Prime Minister, in a Press Conference held at Bangalore, had stated that a Session of Parliament would be held in Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what arrangements are in progress in furtherance of that statement?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) At pre-

sent, the Government is not thinking of holding any Parliament Session outside Delhi.

1746. [*Transferred to 30th August, 1990*]

1747. [*Transferred to 31st August, 1990*]

Tapping of Telephones of Leaders of various Political Parties

1748. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Central Government as well as State Governments have recently issued directions against tapping of the telephones of leaders of various Political Parties/groups in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Interception of telephone messages is ordered by the concerned authorities on the occurrence of any public emergency or in the interest of public safety, as mentioned in Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act.

In so far as the said directions by the State Governments are concerned, information thereon is not monitored by the Central Government.

Women Organisations request on Gajraula Incident

1749. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several women organisations have urged the Central Government for speedy action to apprehend the culprits who allegedly raped two nuns in Gajraula town of Uttar Pradesh during the month of July, 1990;

(b) whether Government have contemplated any action to apprehend the culprits;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the facts of the incident; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to provide security to the nuns in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Representations were received from number of organisations/associations seeking speedy action in apprehending the culprits involved in this case.

(b) and (c) According to the report received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a First Information Report was lodged at the Gajraula Police Station on 13-7-90 in which it was alleged that during the night intervening the 12th and 13th July, three unidentified miscreants armed with iron rods and knives entered the residential part of St. Mary's Convent School, Gajraula (Moradabad district). The miscreants ransacked the belongings, manhandles the nuns and allegedly raped two of the nuns, broke open the safe from which they removed cash amounting to Rs. 1,10,000 and also took away other items like wrist watches, hand bags etc. A case under Section 394 and 376 of the Indian Penal Code was registered. Four of the accused persons have already been arrested. The investigation of the case is in progress and a charge-sheet is expected to be filed in the Court soon.

(d) The prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations. This Ministry interacts with the State Governments and monitors progress with a view to ensuring that serious crimes particularly those against women are properly investigated and the culprits brought to book.